

REMARKS

We are submitting this amendment to omit "inconsistency" in the specification referring to Fig. 10a in the Brief Description of the Drawings which does not apply to this application. Therefore no changes have been made to drawings obviating the need for substitute drawings. We are, however, submitting Formal Drawings along with this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized, however, to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view of the catheter shown in FIG. 1, taken along lines 3-3.

FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view of an alternate embodiment of the catheter of the invention, having a mandrel lumen defined by a sidewall secured to the outer tubular member along a transverse length of the sidewall which is less than the diameter of the side wall.

FIG. 5 is a cross sectional view of an alternate embodiment showing the support mandrel secured directly to the outer tubular member.

FIG. 6 is a cross sectional view of an alternate embodiment showing the support mandrel secured directly to the inner tubular member.

FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of an alternate embodiment having a support mandrel lumen on an outer surface of an inner tubular member.

FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view of a prior art catheter having a support mandrel.

FIG. 9 is a schematic view of an embodiment of the invention which embodies features of the invention, having an intermediate support mandrel.

FIG. 10 is an enlarged view of the catheter shown in FIG. 9, taken within area 10.

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